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SUBJ: POSSIBLE US- USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL
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1. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW, STATE AND USDA (BUTZ) CONCLUDE
PRESENT TEXT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT PRESENTS IMAGE OF SERIOUS
IMBALANCE IN BENEFITS TO TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH WOULD BE
VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO ACCEPT.

2. STRONG EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECH-
NOLOGY, OF INTEREST AND BENEFIT TO USSR, WITH WATERING
DOWN OF OFF- SETTING ELEMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION,
SUPPLY AND DEMAND ASSESSMENTS, AND TRADE, ALL OF MAJOR
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INTEREST AND ECONOMIC CONCERN TO US, MAKE FOR NET RESULT WHICH WOULD BE DOMESTICALLY UNACCEPTABLE IN US.

3. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE TWO ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION AT THIS POINT:

A) TO LEAVE DRAFT AS IS, UNAGREED, AND RETURN HOME AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED, EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE

SOVIET GROUP IN US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

B) TO EXTEND STAY IN USSR INTO NEXT WEEK WITH AIM OF GETTING GREATER SOVIET SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS ON TRADE AND INFORMATION SIDE AND REESTABLISHMENT OF BALANCE REPRESENTED BY ORIGINAL DRAFT.

4. ABOVE VIEWS ARE BASED ON INFORMATION IN REPORTING TELEGRAMS. IF THERE ARE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS BASED ON TONE OF NEGOTIATIONS, PRIVATE UNDERSTANDINGS, ETC., OF WHICH WE MAY BE UNAWARE, PLEASE ADVISE WITH YOUR DECISION ON ACTION.

5. CABLE REPLY SHOULD BE SLUGGED IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR OP CENTER TO CALL ANDREWS 652-7427 OR NEUREITER 469-6393, WHO WILL INFORM USDA. RUSH

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